and some of the Members even proposed the appointment of a committee. All these were noted and orders were passed after considering them

Mr. Joseph Pettah.—Did any Member recommend that it should be made non-votable?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I wants notice.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—In view of the discussion in the Council expressing a desire that it should be discussed in the Council may I know what is it that induced the Government to make it non-votable?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Member's attention is drawn to the answer to sub-division (b).

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Am I to take it that for a mere drawing up of a plan it takes this Government one full month?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—More than one month.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Very very sad.

Re-construction of the Chalakkal chira.

345. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) were not representations made to the Government by the inhabitants of Vadakkancheri, Kanjirakode and Chittanda villages for re-constructing the Chalakkal chira in Sy. No. 441 of the Vadakkancheri village;

(b) were not the memorialists assured in memo D. Dis. 1952/06, dated 14th October 1931, Public Works Department, that the work would be taken up in 1108;

(c) has this work been actually taken on hand; if not, why;

(d) were not further representations made in the matter through petitions dated 19th April 1934;

(e) what has the Government done in the matter as yet?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—(a) Yes.

(b) In the memo D. Dis. 1952/06, dated 14th October 1931, the petitioners were told that the work will be considered for 1108 after a detailed investigation by the new Irrigation Assistant Engineer.

(c) No. The question of constructing a combined chira and bridge had to be dropped in view of the high cost involved.

(d) Yes.

(e) The petitioners were told that the work cannot be taken up.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—It is stated that the Chalakkal Chira and bridge will cost a large amount. May I know what the *chira* alone will cost?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—Chira alone will cost Rs. 7,500.

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Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—And with the bridge ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael—Rs. 9,000.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—With regard to sub-division (b) was it not with regard to a less ambitious scheme ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael—No. The request was for both the bridge and the chira.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—After that representation was any further enquiry made in the light of that representation?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—No further enquiries had to be made because exhaustive enquiries had been made on the previous occasion.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is it the position of the Government that the chira could not be put up for less than Rs. 7,500?

Mr. P. V. Raphael.—That was what the enquiry disclosed.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to go into the question again because in the representation it was stated that it would not require the estimated amount in view of the fact that either side is rocky bed?

Mr. P. V. Raphael—That was not the technical opinion. The technical opinion was it would cost so much.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Am I to understand that it won't be looked into again?

Mr. P. V. Raphael—There is no necessity to look into it again because the Irrigation Engineer has made very exhaustive enquiries in this matter.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—May I know whether the Government is spending any amount upon this site at present?

Mr. P. V. Raphael—No.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Is there not an earthern bund?

Mr. P. V. Raphael—The private parties are doing it.

Supply of electric fans and lights for Trichur Town.

346. Mr. A. Sankara Poduval.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Trichur Municipality has requested for the sanction of Government any proposal for the supply of electric fans and tights for the town?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—In Makaram 1104 the Trichur Municipality recommended the application of Mr. C. Barton Wright and others for the generation and distribution of power in the town. Except that there has been no ther request from the Municipality in the matter.

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